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HIS GREATEST
FOES!

GREEN LANTERN DETENTE

NIGHT IN
NEVADA'S
DESERT.

HIS NAME IS HAL
JORDAN AND HE
IS A MAN ENDOWED
WITH AN EMERALD
RING THAT GRANTS
HIS AWESOME POWERS.
HE USES THOSE POWERS
IN THE ROLE OF GREEN
LANTERN, A GALACTIC
GUARDIAN.

SEVERAL HOURS
AGO, GL HAD A
BIG FIGHT WITH
THE MAN LANDING
BEHIND HIM.

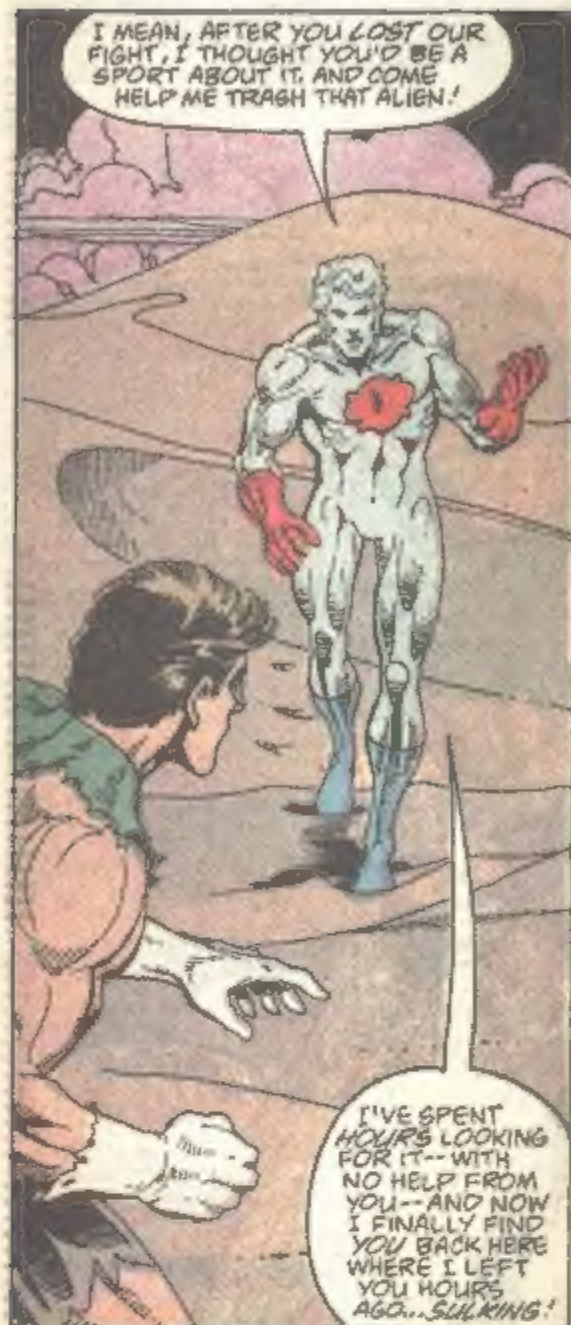
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING OUT
HERE?!

HIS NAME IS CAPTAIN ATOM,
AND HE CAN HARNESS THE AWESOME
MIGHT OF THE QUANTUM FIELD. HE
USES THOSE POWERS AS A MILITARY
AGENT AND HELPS SAFEGUARD HIS
COUNTRY.

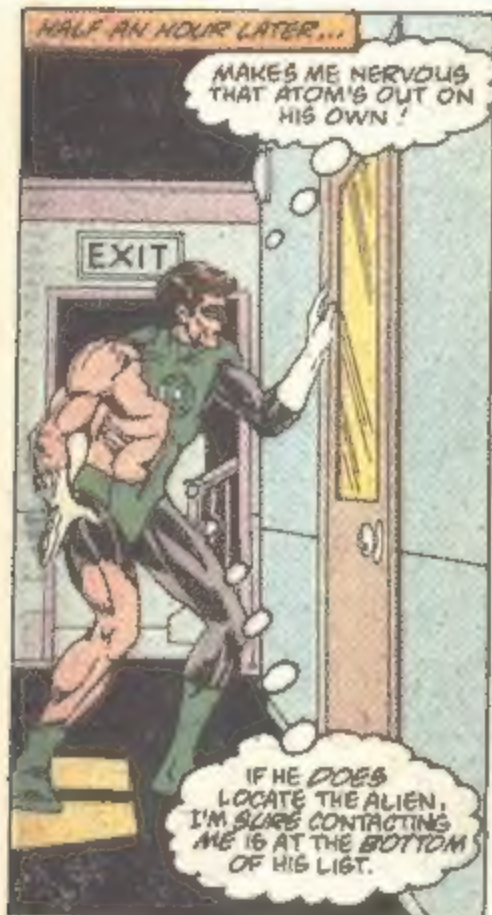
THESE ARE TWO
MATURE ADULTS.

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SCRIPTS / PLOTS / PANELS

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PAYS
ALBERT DE GUZMAN
LETTERS
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AND, I DON'T
EVEN NEED MY
RING TO DO
IT!



HERE,
I'LL SHOW
YOU.



YOU LOOK
REAL TOUGH,
FELLA.

LET'S
GO.



I'M
LOSING
IT...



OOPHH!!

WHAT A
BRILLIANT
IDEA...

...PICK
A FIGHT...
STALL FOR
TIME...



... CAN'T
KEEP THIS
UP...



... WHILE MY RING
RECHARGES, THIS
LUMOX WILL TAKE
ME APART IF I
GIVE HIM THE
CHANCE.

THEREFORE--



GOTTA BREAK
OFF! I'M... OUT
OF MY ELEMENT!

GOTTA
FIND GL...
FAST!



-- I WON'T
GIVE HIM THE
CHANCE!



MY EGO'S STILL
SMARTING FROM
MY FIGHT WITH
CAPTAIN ATOM...



...MAYBE A LITTLE
ROUGHHOUSE IS
JUST WHAT THE
DOCTOR
ORDERED!

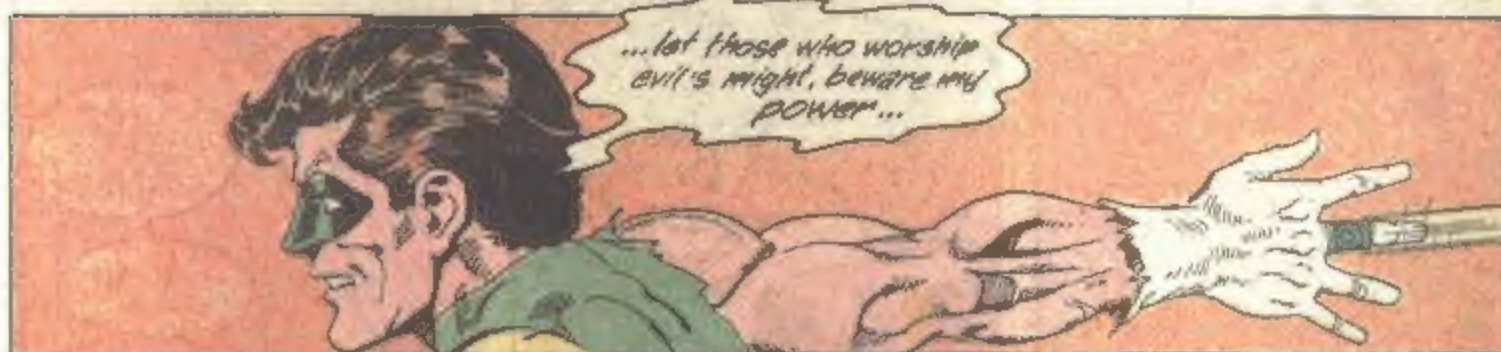


ALL
RIGHT--

--WHO'S
NEXT--?



UH-OH...





NEXT: GL WILL CERTAINLY NEED LUCK NEXT WEEK WHEN HIS PURSUIT OF THE ALIEN SHRINE IS ABRUPTLY HALTED BY A SINISTER FORCE! IN SEVEN DAYS WE INTRODUCE AN ALL-NEW SUPER-VILLAIN WHO COMES FROM SOMEWHERE... **BEYOND PHOEBUS!**

BLACK CANARY

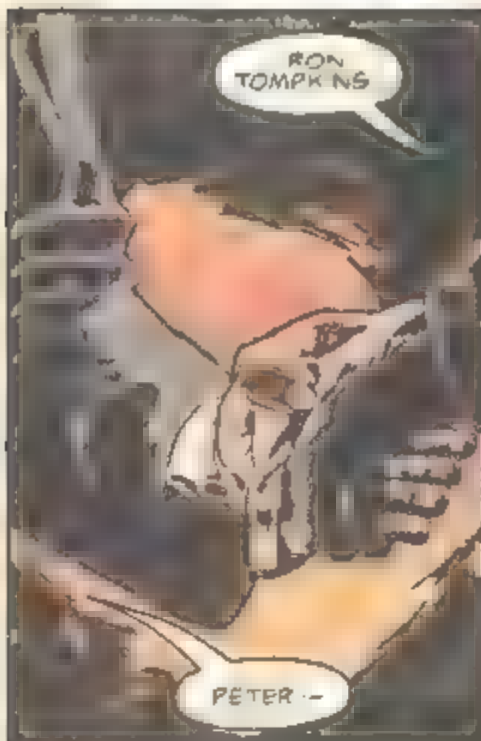
knock 'em
DEAD

PART 8

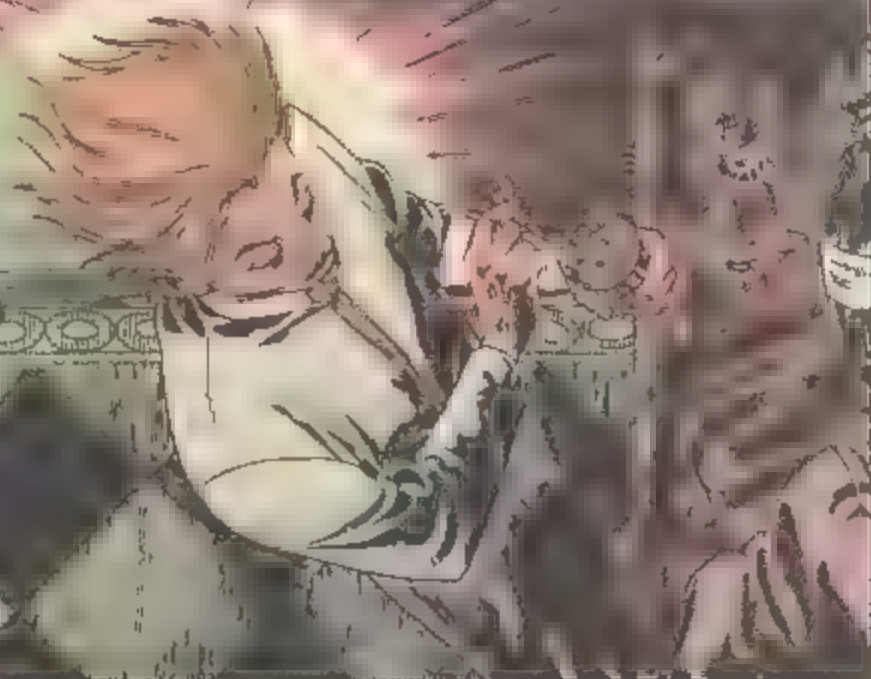
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WWWWWWWWRRRRRRROOOOOOOOOOOOM



COULDN'T
REALLY BLAME
HIM--I'VE BEEN
ALONE SINCE
THEN



BUT TONIGHT
FOG'S
CLEARING

MMM--
HERE

I'LL GET
YOU A DRINK.

DEBORAH AND
I HAD AN **INTENSE**
TWO MONTH AFFAIR
A COUPLE OF YEARS
AGO WHILE WORKING
ON A PLAY HERE IN
SEATTLE.

I WAS UP FROM
PORTLAND, DOING
THE LIGHTING FOR
**TWILIGHT DAWN--RICH
MALONE** WAS HANDLING
THE MUSIC AND HAD GOTTEN
DEB A BIT PART IN THE
PLAY--WE MET THROUGH
HIM.

THINGS
WERE ALREADY
STARTING TO COOL
WHEN I FOUND OUT
DEB WAS A **HEROIN
USER**--THAT CLINCHED
IT



FOG'S
CLEARING

I CALLED IT
QUITS. SHE WAS
POSSESSIVE AND MADE
SOME **THREATS** BUT
COULDN'T FIND ME WHEN
I RETURNED TO
OREGON

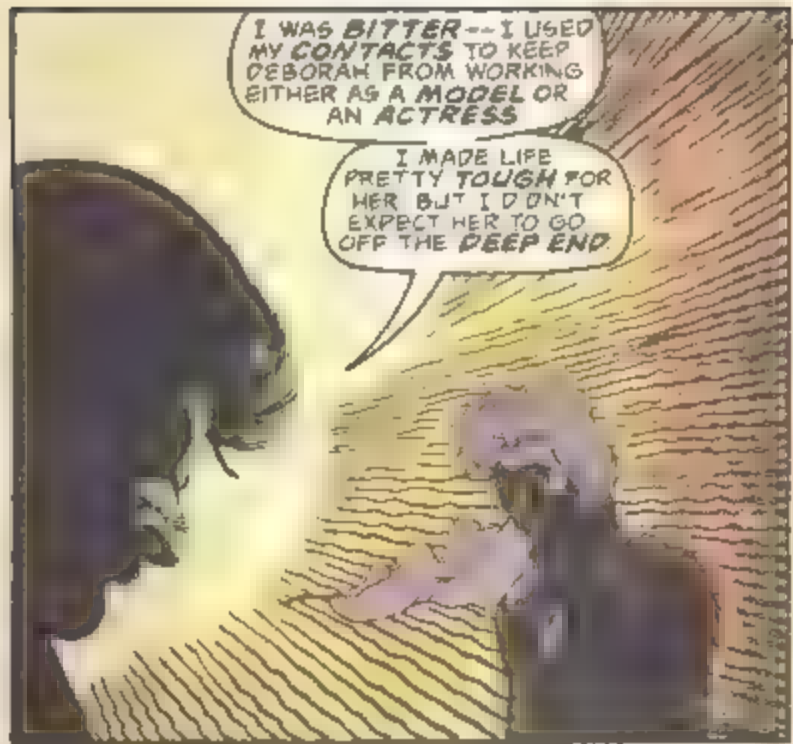
I HEAVED A
SIGH OF RELIEF
THANKED THE STARS
MY WIFE HADN'T
FOUND OUT AND
RETURNED TO MY
FAMILY

STOP



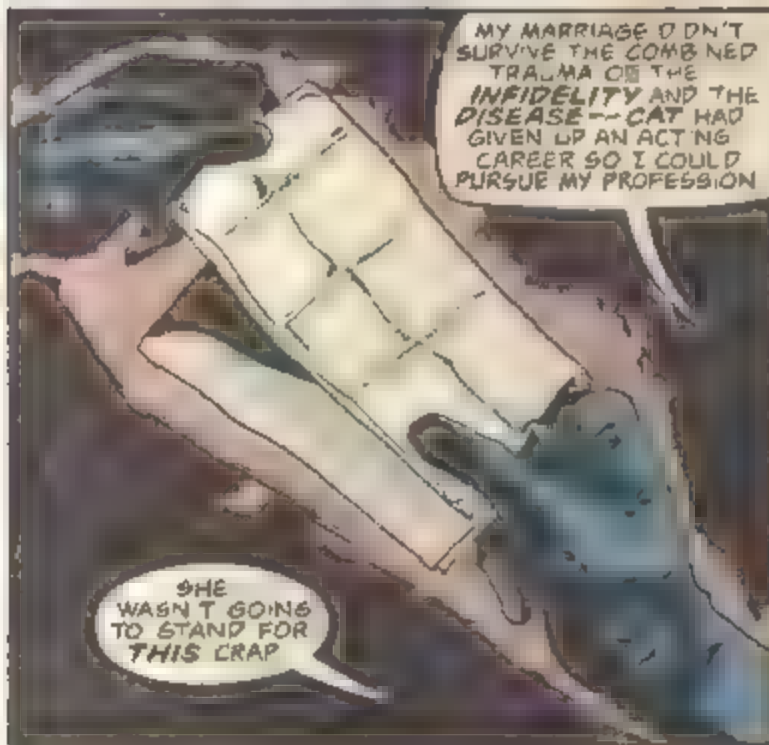


I HAD AIDS
--I'D GOTTEN IT
FROM DEB



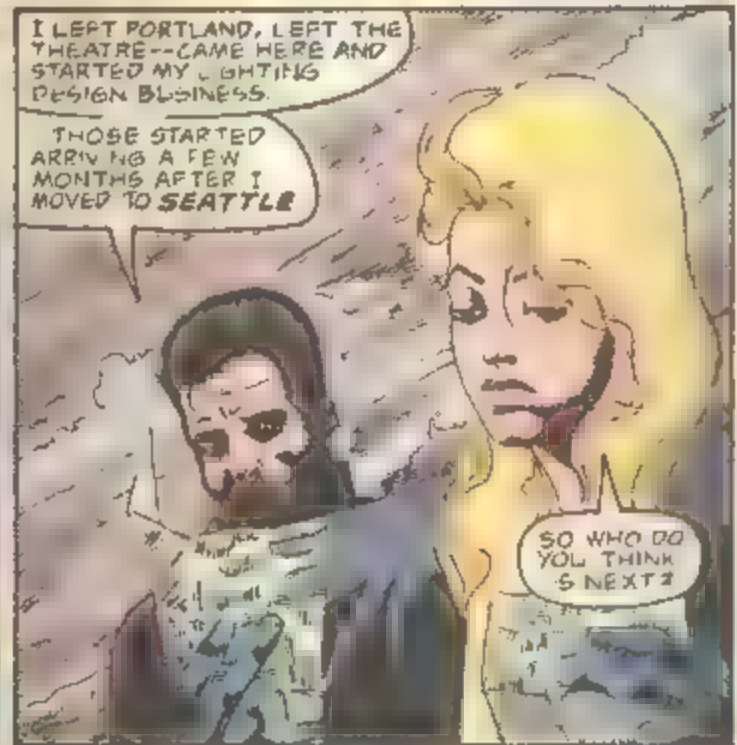
I WAS BITTER--I USED
MY CONTACTS TO KEEP
DEBORAH FROM WORKING
EITHER AS A MODEL OR
AN ACTRESS

I MADE LIFE
PRETTY TOUGH FOR
HER BUT I DON'T
EXPECT HER TO GO
OFF THE DEEP END



MY MARRIAGE DIDN'T
SURVIVE THE COMBINED
TRAUMA OF THE
INFIDELITY AND THE
DISEASE--CAT HAD
GIVEN UP AN ACTING
CAREER SO I COULD
PURSUE MY PROFESSION

SHE
WASN'T GOING
TO STAND FOR
THIS CRAP



I LEFT PORTLAND, LEFT THE
THEATRE--CAME HERE AND
STARTED MY LIGHTING
DESIGN BUSINESS.

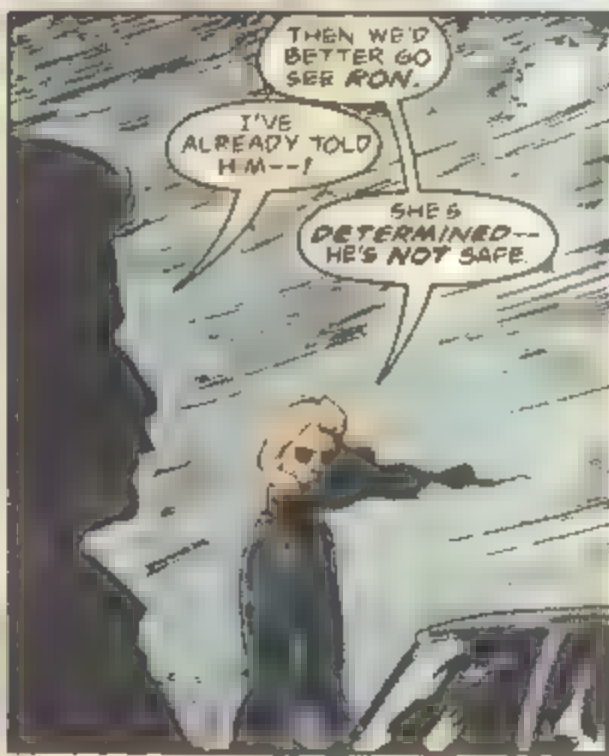
THOSE STARTED
ARRIVING A FEW
MONTHS AFTER I
MOVED TO SEATTLE

SO WHO DO
YOU THINK
S NEXT?



RON TOMPKINS--HE WAS
A SOUND MAN FOR
TWILIGHT DAWN

DEB AND I RAN
AROUND WITH HIM A
LOT, AND HE COVERED
FOR ME WHEN CAT
WOULD CALL.



THEN WE'D
BETTER GO
SEE RON.

I'VE
ALREADY TOLD
HIM--!

SHE'S
DETERMINED--
HE'S NOT SAFE



SHE MIGHT SEND
SOMEONE ELSE.

OR IT MIGHT BE
SOMEONE ELSE.

DESCRIBE YOUR
EX-WIFE FOR ME



OH, NO--



--KEN WARNED ME
DEBORAH.

BUT
YOU'RE
NOT--

NO.

I'M
CAT



THE
WOMAN
SCORNE



"DO YOU TRANSMIT
THE VIRUS TO CAT?"

NO BUT--



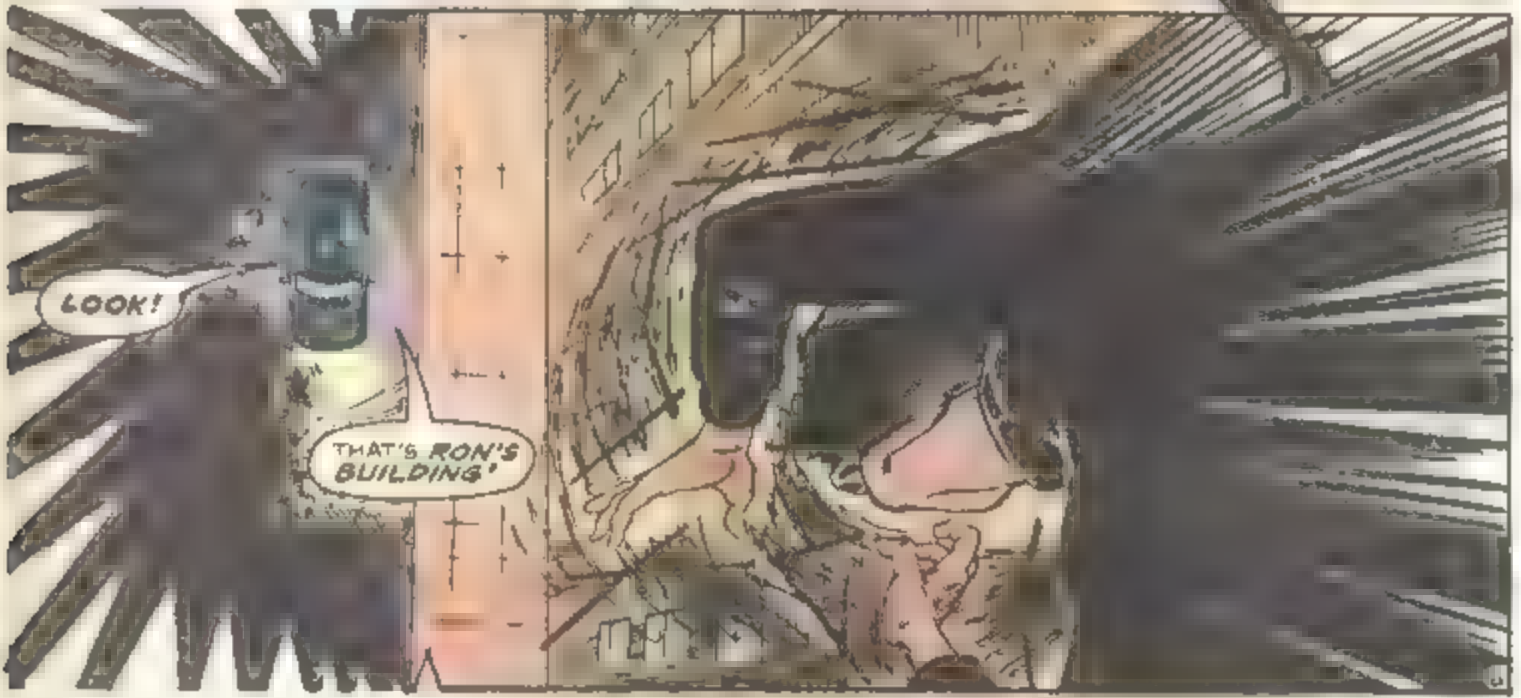
BUT
WHAT?

NOTHING

I GUESS
SHE'S GOT AS
MUCH CAUSE FOR
REVENGE AS
DEB

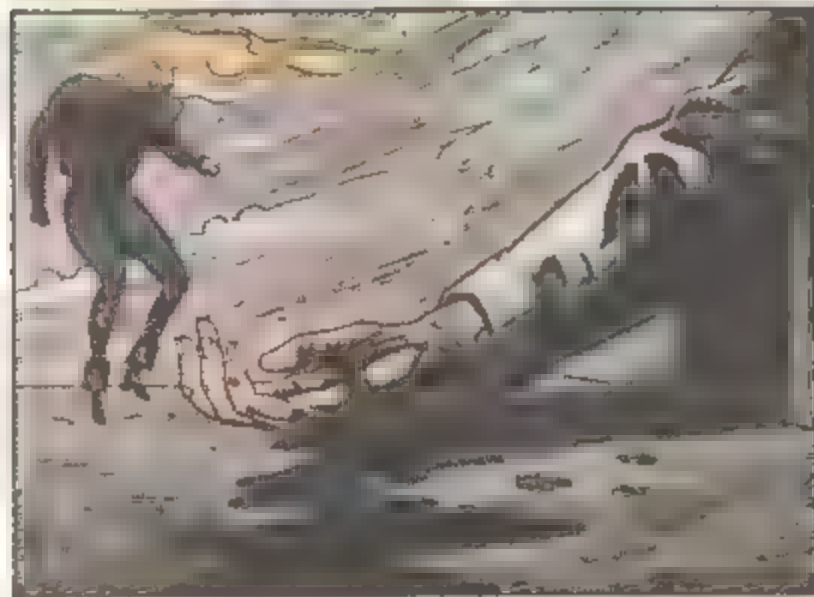


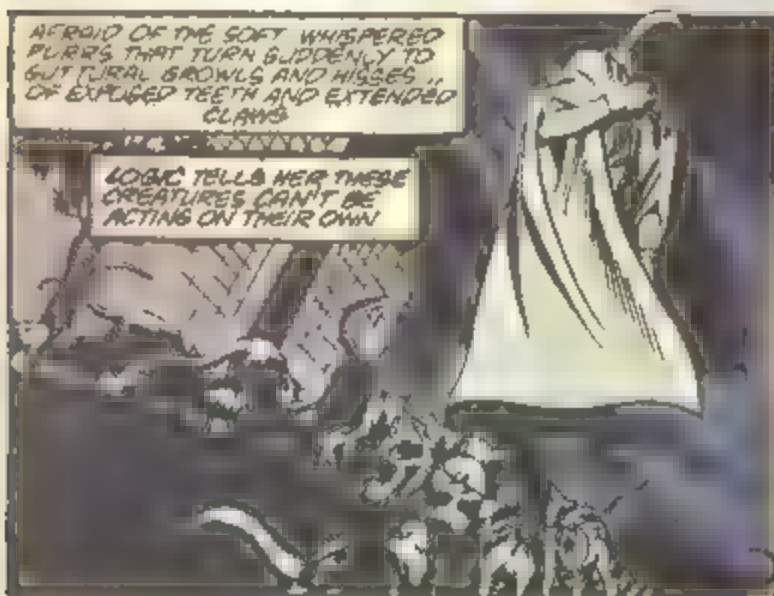
"I JUST DON'T THINK
SHE HAD T /N HER"



LOOK!

THAT'S RON'S
BUILDING!





..AND I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR YOU,
ALEXANDRA
CRAFT! WELL, GIRL--
NO WORDS OF GREETING
FOR AN OLD FRIEND,
AHKH BUT I FORGET
MYSELF!

YOUR POOR, BLINDED
EYES CANNOT POSSIBLY
SEE THAT YOU ARE IN THE
PRESENCE OF...

TALA THE MISTRESS
OF DARKNESS: I DON'T
NEED EYES TO TELL ME THAT
THE STENCH OF YOUR EVIL
IS ENOUGH!

CAT AND MOUSE

CHAPTER

STRANGER

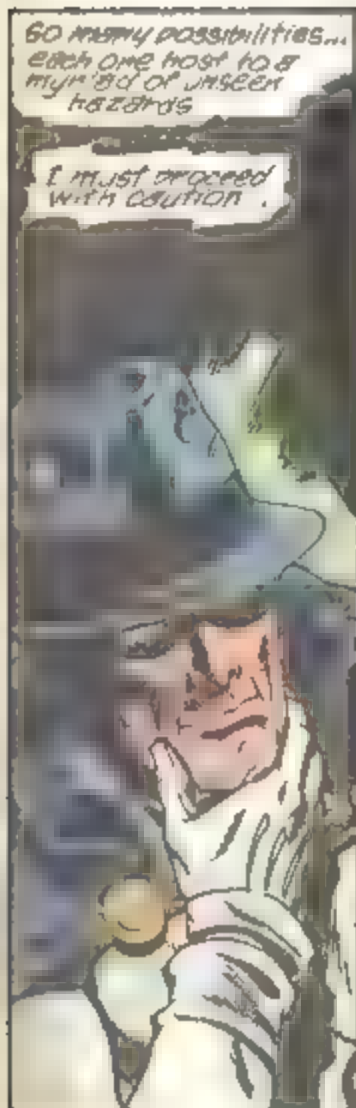
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SUCH ARROGANCE--
AND FOR ME TRAPPED
BY THE WORST
NIGHTMARE

A NIGHTMARE I
THOUGHT HAD BEEN
DESTROYED

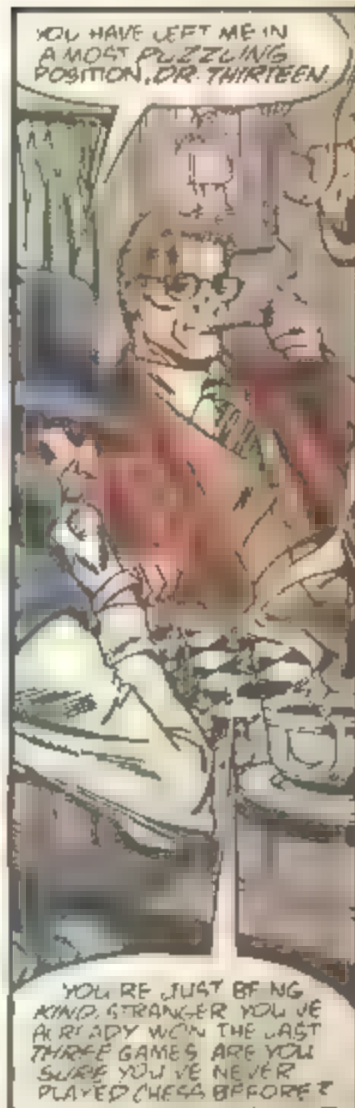
OH I WAS... BUT I WAS FORTUNATE
ENOUGH TO RECOVER. I AM MOST
ASSUREDLY RETURNED... AND THIS
TIME MY DEAR THERE IS NO PHANTOM
STRANGER TO SAVE YOU...

WHAT TO DO?



SO MANY POSSIBILITIES...
EACH ONE HOST TO 8
MILLION OF UNSEEN
HAZARDS

I MUST PROCEED
WITH CAUTION



YOU HAVE LEFT ME IN
A MOST PUZZLING
POSITION, DR. THIRTEEN

YOU'RE JUST BEING
KIND, STRANGER. YOU'VE
ALREADY WON THE LAST
THREE GAMES. ARE YOU
SURE YOU'VE NEVER
PLAYED CHESS BEFORE?



I BELIEVE THE EXPRESSO ON
IS "BEGINNER'S LUCK"
MY FRIEND

HMMM. ACTUALLY
WHAT I'M REALLY
CURIOUS ABOUT IS
WHY I'M HERE WITH
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE



I WISH TO BE SOCIAL. I
DO NOT KNOW MANY
PEOPLE--AND THOSE I
DO KNOW ARE OF BUT
THE MOST CASUAL
ACQUAINTANCE

MY ONLY WISH IS TO
LEARN ALL I MAY
ABOUT MANKIND

I SEE



YOU'LL HAVE TO PARDON
ME IF I'M SKEPTICAL,
STRANGER. YOU AND I
HAVEN'T BEEN PAID. I
MEAN YOU'D DROP OUT
OF NOWHERE DO YOUR
MAGIC, AND THEN
DISAPPEAR--



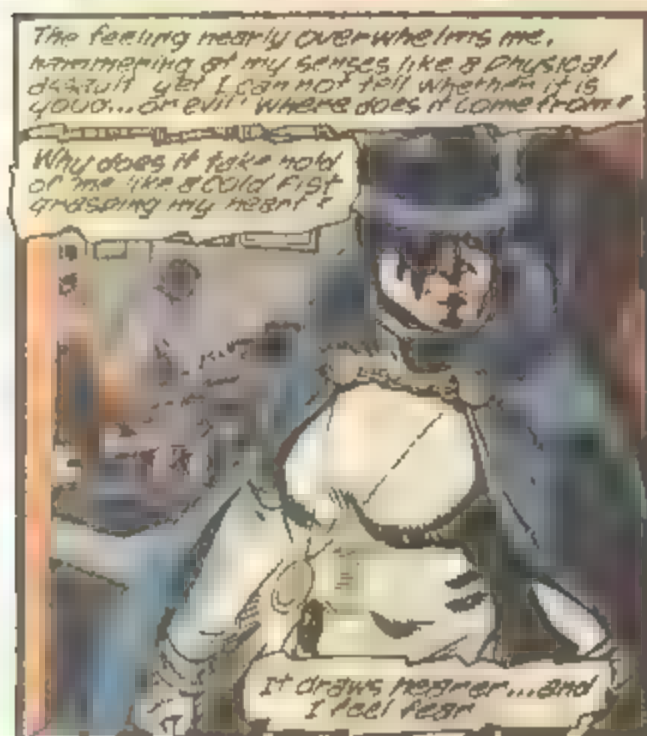
--AND NOW, HERE WE ARE, SITTING IN THIS EAST
SIDE APARTMENT, SHARING A PLEASANT EVENING OF
CHESS AND SMALL-TALK... AND FOR THE LIFE OF ME,
I CAN'T HELP THINKING THERE'S A CATCH HERE.

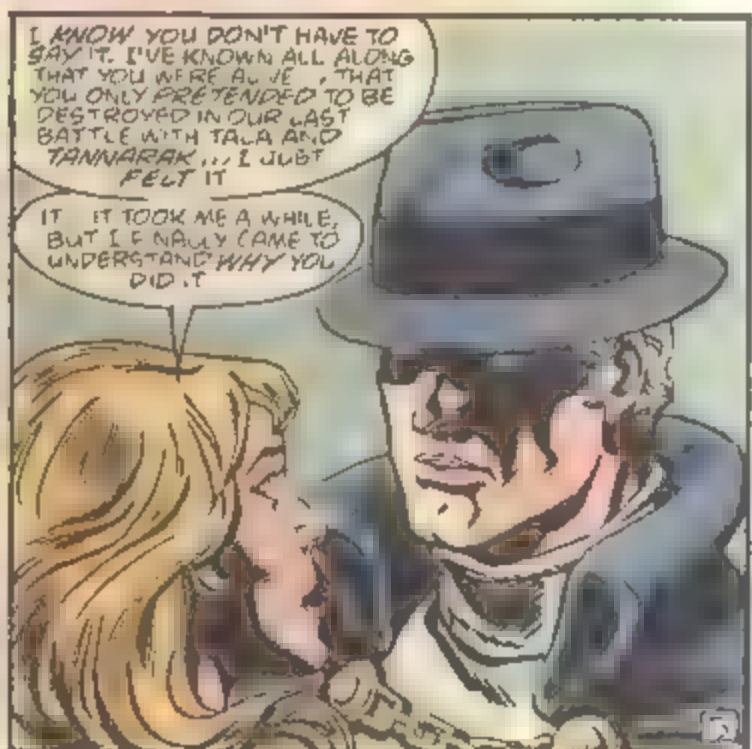
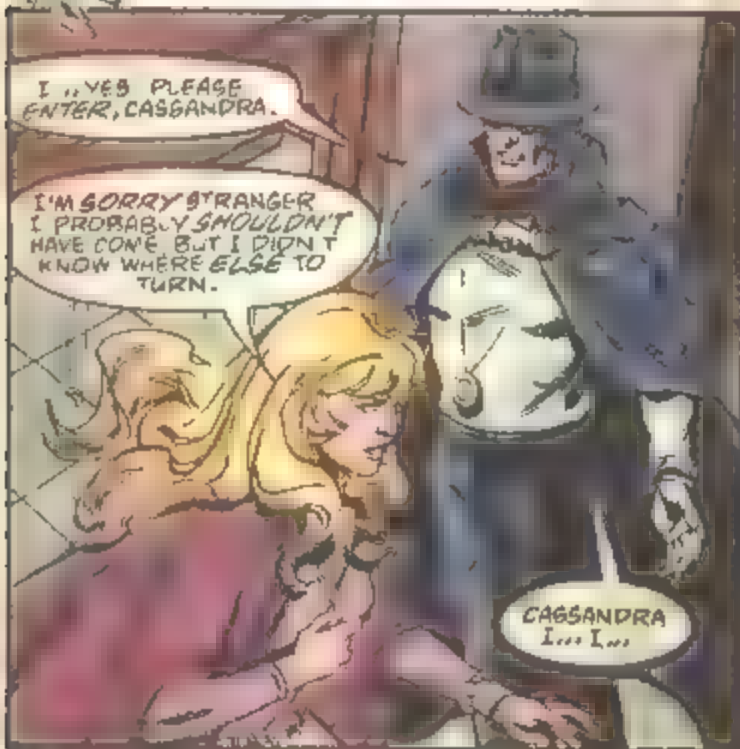
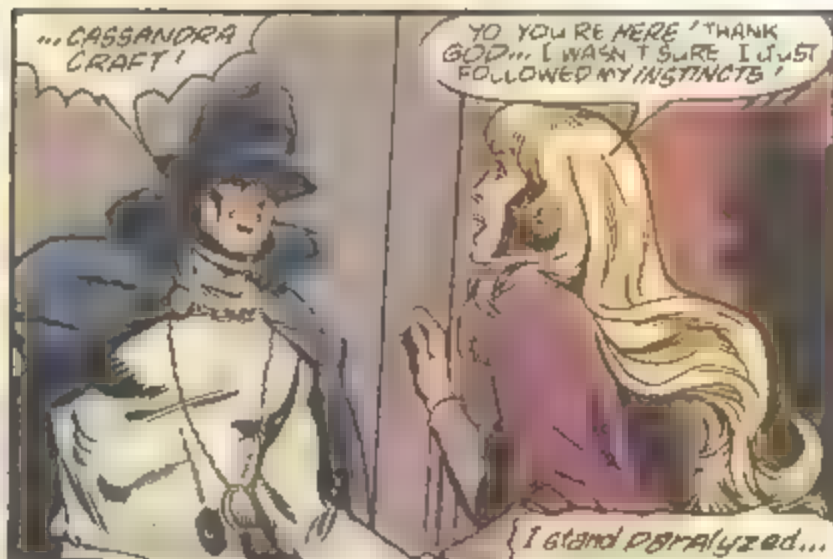
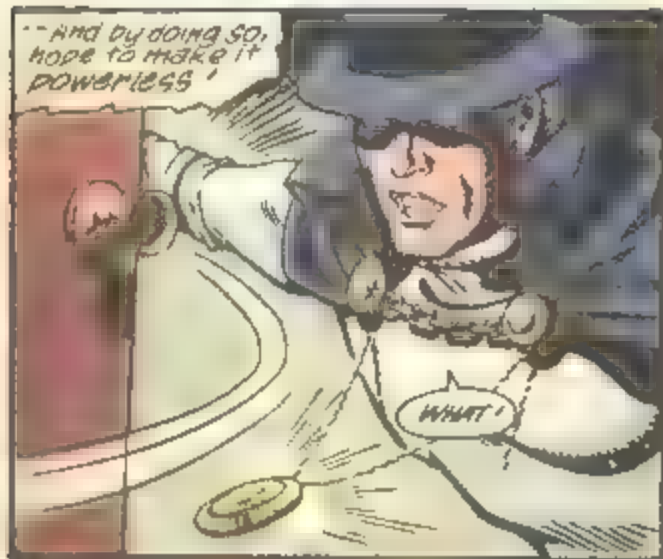
WELL, NOW THAT IS PROGRESS.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE
NOT PREFACED A REFERENCE TO
MY MAGIC WITH THE PREFIX
"FRAUDULENT"

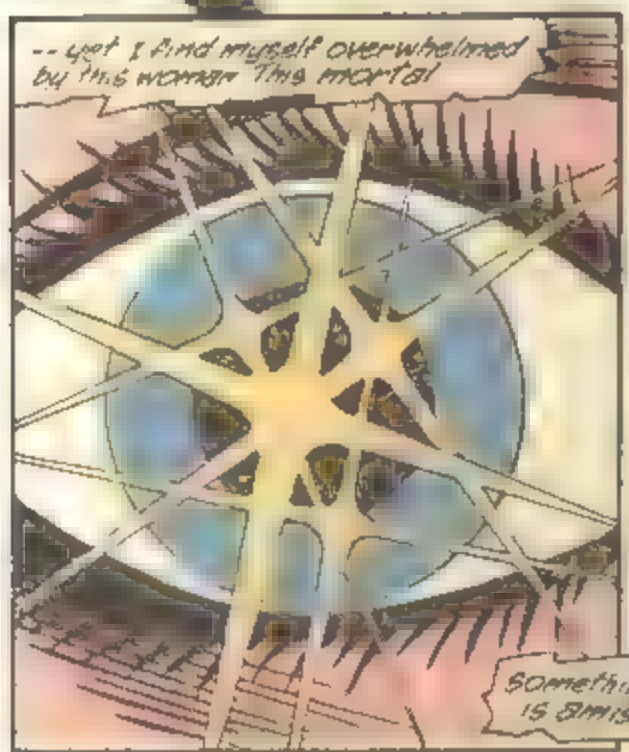
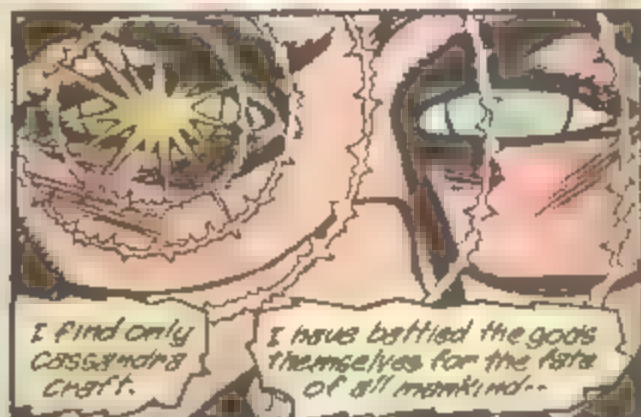


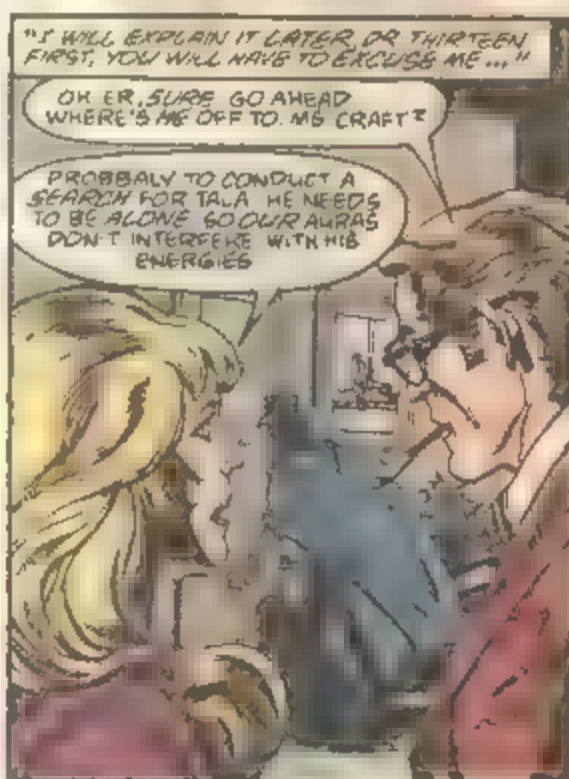
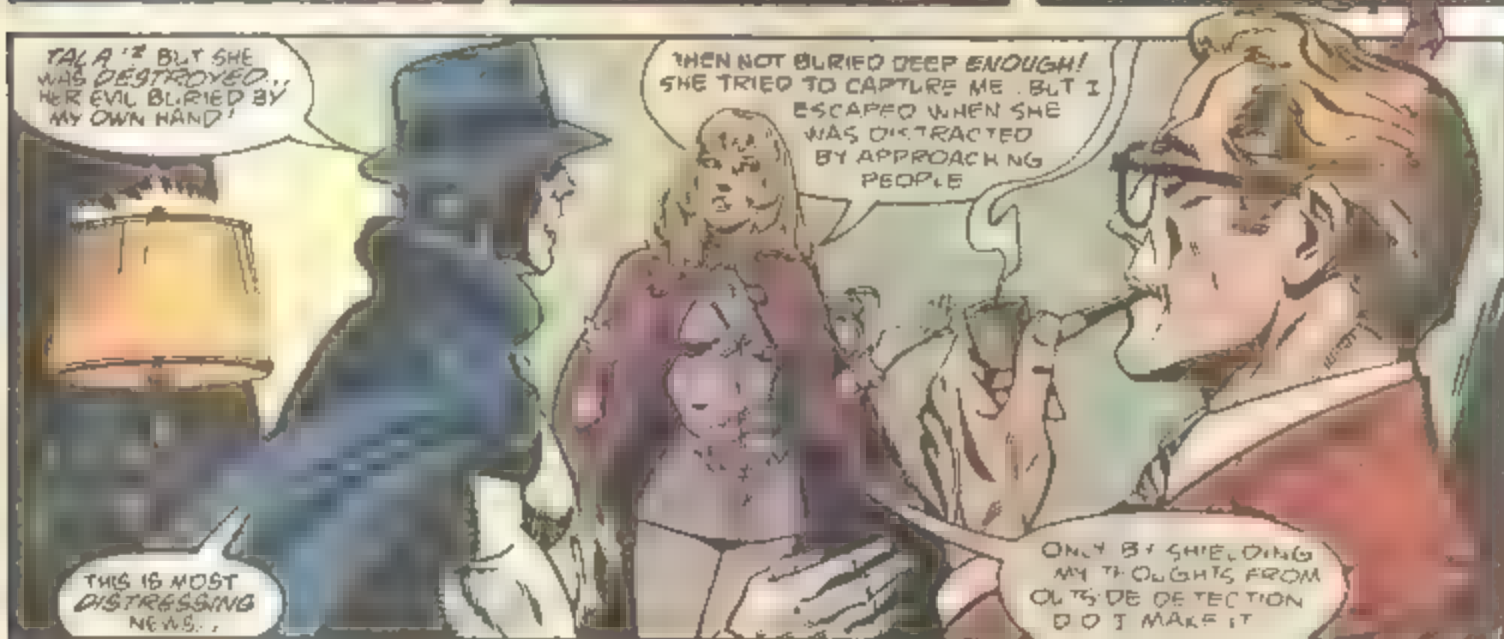
A SLIP OF THE TONGUE, I'M
TERRENCE THIRTEEN. THE
GHOST BREAKER. I DON'T
BELIEVE IN THAT STUFF,
REMEMBER?

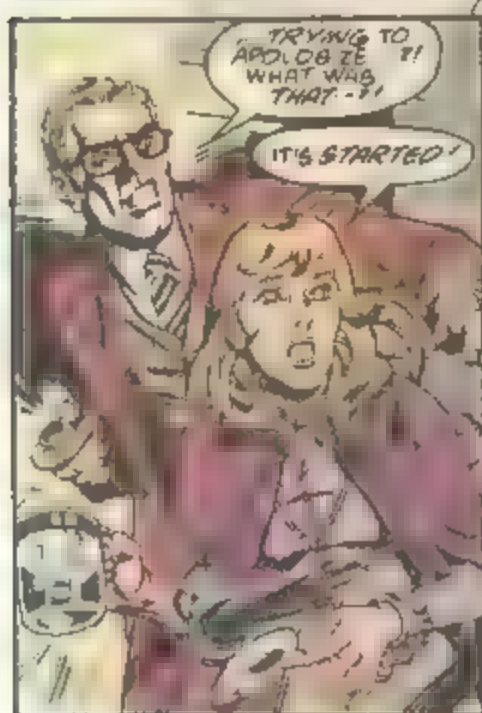
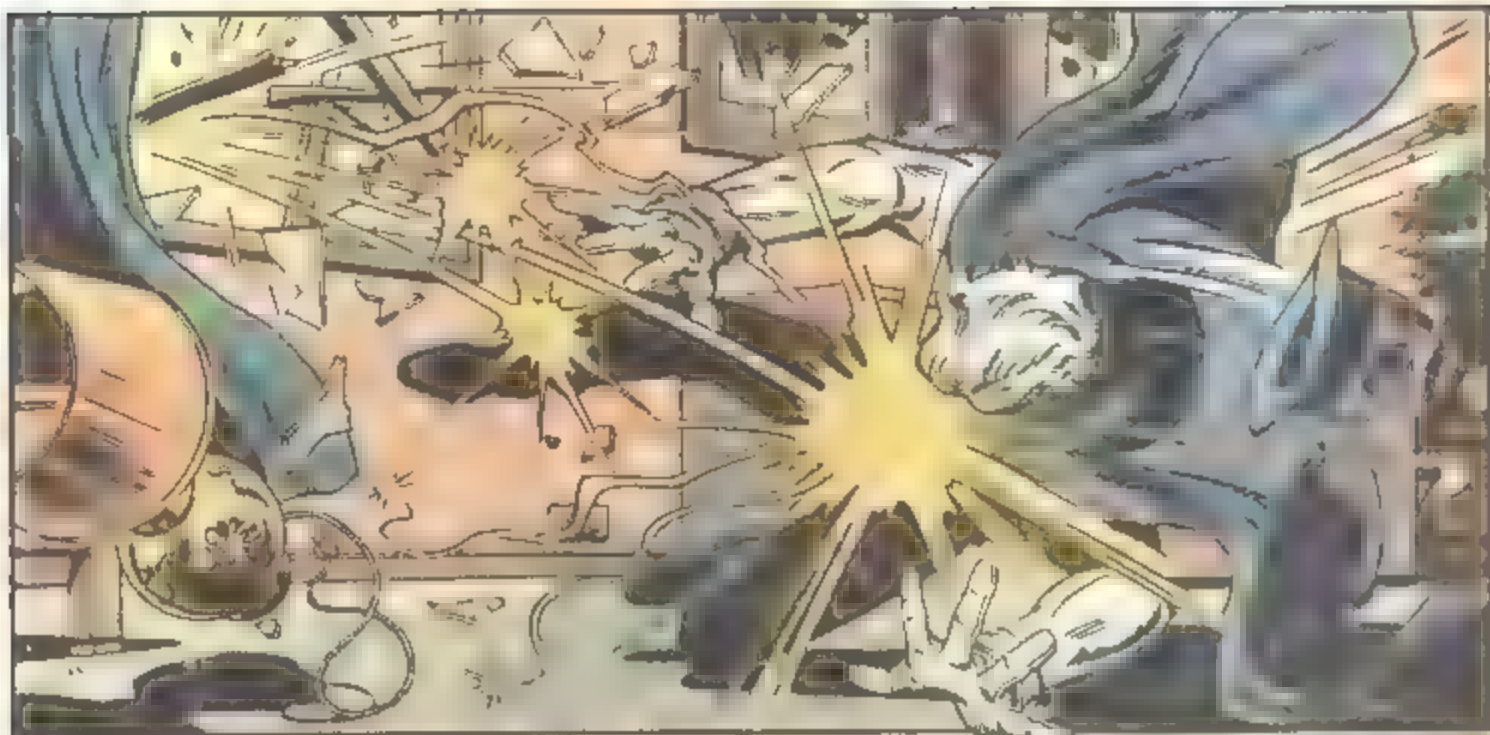
ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT
QUITE TRUE, GUESS. IT'S
MY ADVANCED AGE, BUT,
I DON'T KNOW, I'M JUST
NOT AS SURE AS I
USED TO BE











TRYING TO
ADDLIZE IT!
WHAT WAS
THAT...?

IT'S STARTED!

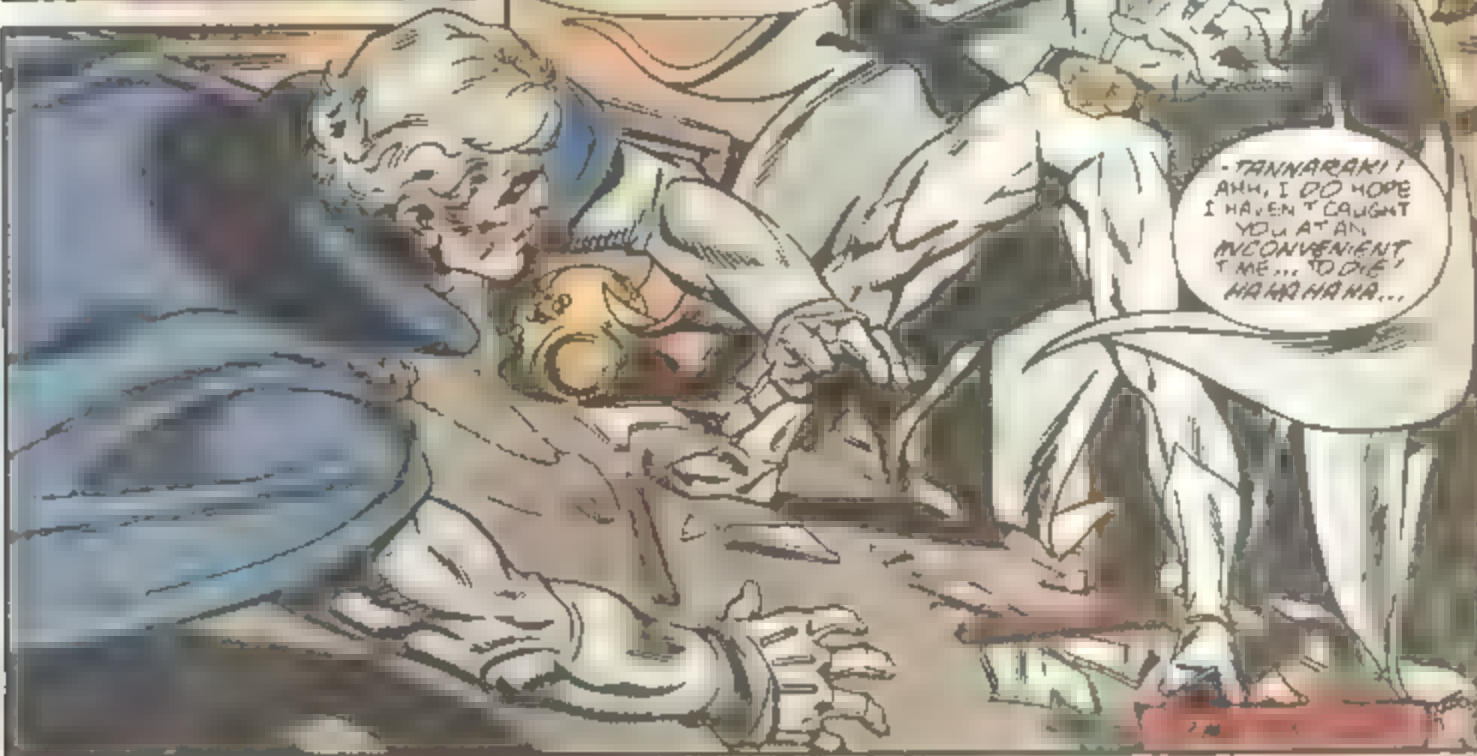
MUST MUST
MAINTAIN MY FOCUS...
BUT THE POWER OF
THAT BLAST, CHANDRA
WAS CORRECT... IT
MUST BE TALA...

CARE TO TAKE
ANOTHER
SUDDEN
STRANGER...?



ENT
TH THAT
VOICE.

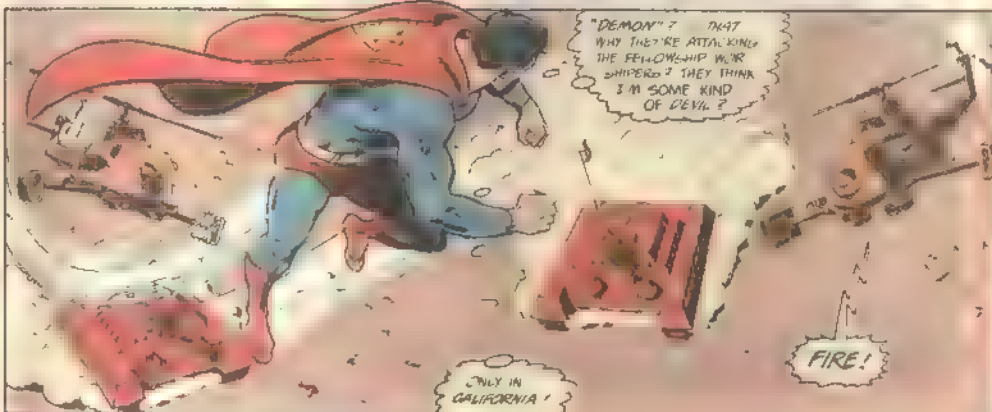
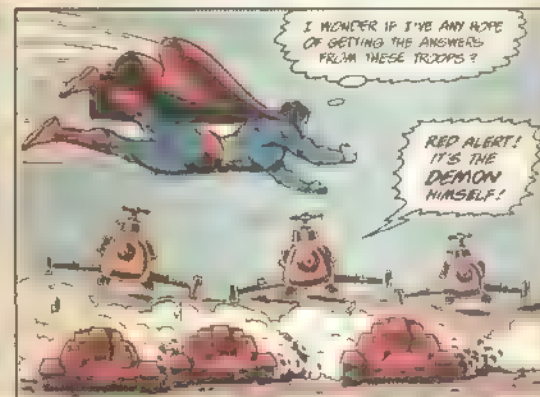
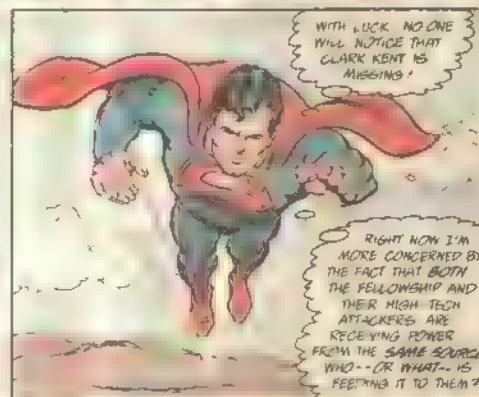
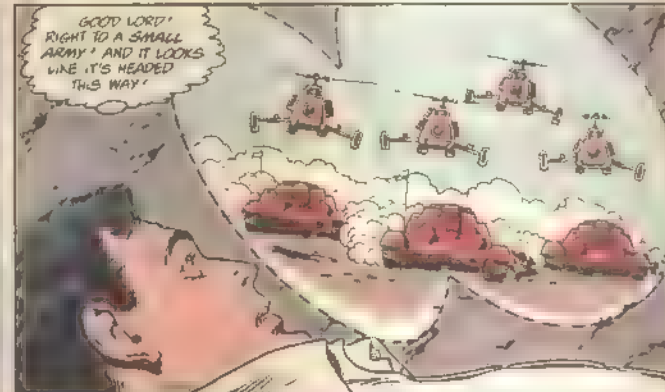
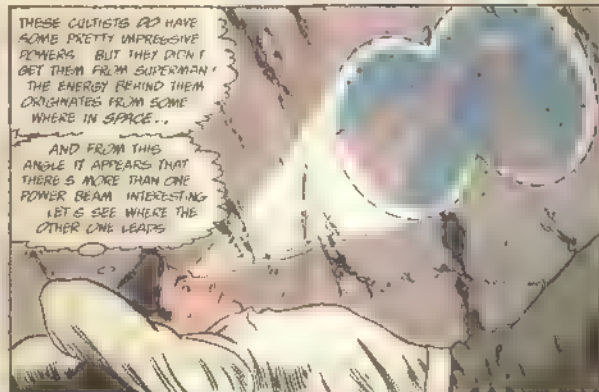
WHY, I'M FLATTERED
YOU REMEMBER ME AFTER
ALL THIS TIME PHANTOM
STRAY... BUT THE WHAT
SAME ASLY DECADE OR
TWO... BEING AS SUCH
AS YOURSELF AND ME--



-TANNARAKI!
AHH, I DO HOPE
I HAVEN'T CAUGHT
YOU AT AN
INCONVENIENT
TIME... TO DIE!
HAHAHAHA...

"POINT BLANK"

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Dear Act on Aces

I found this letter on my doorstep I think it's for you

Yep, heh heh it's me again, kid dies—The Ol' Grave Digger—ready to scoop up more gruesome grizzle on the latest in ACW #620 You've managed to grub up another buck fifty (cheap), so sit down while I dish out this week's honors. I call it

THE VOTE

In first place is Green Lantern. His twisted, tortuous life has led him into yet another situation where his brawn must exceed his brawn. And the meek shall inherit the Earth

Wild Dog grabs the second spot. My pal ghoul ate this installment cause he said he wanted a hot dog something to sink his teeth into. He wants you to teach Wild Pup a lesson, or he says he will—but good

My pal Deadman says if I leave him for fast he won't tell me all his really disgusting stories anymore. Every time I read an episode, it leaves me wanting for gore

Blackhawk's four. He starts with a bang and ends with a (in the interests of a wholesome flock of children the rest of this sentence has been censored—F. Wertham)

The Secret Six has all the traits of good crime and suspense stories. They come in fifth. Hmm, crime and suspense stories I may have something there

Last and certainly least is Superdud or I mean Superman. Please speed up the pace. Even a schmo with a flying machine would have a hard time staying interested

Well, I'm at the end of my rope, kid dies. You know the one with the thirteen knots. I haven't enjoyed an anthology comic this much since, yeah, right, since those other enter-taining comics

The Ol' Grave Digger
 13th Stone
 The Ol' Cemetery

That's all the letter said. I hope he doesn't send me anything else—he's pretty damn weird

Jim, I next time yours is brightest day and blackest night

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I don't know what I find scarier. The Ol' Grave Digger himself or the fact that he's in touch with the ghost of Freddy Wertham

Dear Editor,

ACTION COMICS WEEKLY has truly intrigued me since it first came out. I mean, a weekly comic book? Well, color me shocked, but I really enjoy this book! The variety is the thing that really grabs me—I'm even beginning to like heroes that I've hated in the past.

But, although it's good, there is room for improvement. Most notably—how did the Secret Six get totally new gear in the (apparently) four seconds in between their first and second serials? I mean, that's a little too drastic not to explain.

One more thing before I end this letter: a list of characters I'd like to see in ACW: Blue Devil, Zatanna, Jimmy Olsen, Lois Lane, Power Girl, and Captain Carrot and the Zoo Crew

Thanks for your time.

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Actually, Jon, thank you for your time, and for your kind words.

As for the Secret Six and their gear, would you believe that they had allowed four to six weeks for delivery and got lucky? No? How about chalking it up to artistic license?

Finally, while we have no plans to feature any of your listed characters in ACW, Captain Carrot does make a rather unusual appearance in the upcoming DAILY PLANET—SPECIAL INVASION EDITION, on sale soon

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Dear Mr. Gold

I've not played the ranking game yet so I thought I might as well start with ACW #620

1 Deadman—Mike Baron's scripts are really weird! The attraction of this strip is seeing just how weird it's going to get. The Kelley Jones artwork is pretty bizarre, too. This series is a treat to read.
 2 Blackhawk—I hated the Chaykin series. I hated the Grell series. I like the Pasko series a lot. I'm glad I can finally enjoy this classic character.
 3 Secret Six—More great stuff from Marty Pasko! But Dan Spiggle is the only artist who should draw this feature. Frank Springer is good, but Spiggle has a lot more atmosphere in his work.
 4 Superman—I like it, but to be honest ACTION was the old boy's home for 50 years—he should have 8 pages every week. Lord knows I could stand to look at 32 pages of "Swanderson" art

every month!

5 Wild Dog—Good, but slow moving at times. I like the "Wild Pup" storyline, though I haven't been overwhelmed by the strip as a whole.

6 Green Lantern—I want to like this series, really I do, but even Peter David hasn't changed my mind; however, I do like Rich Howell's artwork. I notice that next issue will be a "new beginning." I hope so. Hal Jordan is the one true Green Lantern—no matter what Guy Gardner says—and he deserves a series befitting his place in comics history.

As for the future, I'm looking forward to the return of Nightwing and Black Canary to these pages and I hope you'll consider some of the following for weekly strips: Blue Devil (with Paris Cullins art), Cyborg, Power Girl (by Chris Claremont and Mary Wilshire), Aquaman, and The Inferior Five

Thomas Moudry
 No Address Given

Chris Claremont... yeah, right

.....

For all the rest of you who also have never played the ranking game—C'mon down!

THE GREAT ACTION COMICS WEEKLY POLL

Here are your rankings of the features in ACW #620—based on your votes! The previous week's rankings are shown in parenthesis

- 1) Blackhawk (3)
- 2) Deadman (1)
- 3) Green Lantern (2)
- 4) Secret Six (5)
- 5) Wild Dog (4)
- 6) Superman (6)

As always, thanks for your participation, keep reading, writing and voting

.....

Dear ACW

I'm considering modifying my ACW order with Heroes Workshop, my local dealer. I may only get the issues with Blackhawk. That series is so head and shoulders above the others, that I'm sad when it's not there.

Rick Burchett's art is especially nice (like Bob Powell's art in the fifties—in the sixties Powell adopted a more standard style). Marty Pasko's script is

most interesting as well, though as someone who lived through the period, I sometimes feel that some of the language is strictly "today" not really of the forties and fifties

Secret Six is finally making sense. By the way you've taken too long unfolding the story for some readers—my son, who is 23, gave up on SS, and tells me that he now skips it in his ACW reading. Those of us who followed the series in the sixties, are beginning to suspect that not only did Mockingbird (August Durant? King Savage? Tiger Force?) survive the plane crash, but so did the original six. If Mockingbird could fake his own demise convincingly, why not all six?

Keep up the good work. If the above indicates a preference on my part for team stories—you're reading right

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Now, don't go making any rash decisions, Howard. If you stop reading ACW between Blackhawk episodes you might miss other great teams—like Hero Hotline, the brand new super-team from MAZING MAN's Bob Rozakis and Stephen DeStefano coming in ish #637, in these very pages

Thanks for your kind assessment of our Blackhawk team, though!

Folke,

Would you please pass on to your writer, Marty Pasko, that Sri Lanka was called Ceylon in 1947. Thank you

I'd like to see the run of Blackhawk stories collected in a graphic album some time in the near future. How 'bout it?

Thanks for finally getting Superman in the center spread. It looks a lot better this way

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Sorry to say, there are no current plans to collect the Blackhawk material. On the other hand, there are plans afoot, even as we write, to put entirely new Blackhawk material in an entirely new BLACKHAWK comic. Watch this space for details. How about that?

Dear ACW

AAAAGGGGGHHHH!!! That was my reaction when I found out issue #619 was sold out in both of my local comic shops! I sat in a comatose state for a week awaiting my ACTION fix. The next weekend I rushed into the store hoping that they had restocked the issue. All I saw was #620! I was starting to panic—how would I know what was happening in this issue without the last one? I was beginning to feel faint.

Then I saw it! They *did* have a few issues left! I snatched it off the rack and hungrily bought the rest of my comics. I'm thinking of camping outside the store with a shotgun every week, so I

can be the first to get the ACTION

Now the reviews of both #619 and #620

The Deadman cover was great, but the Secret Six looked a little rushed

Green Lantern: Eh. Not that good. 'A New Beginning' sounds interesting, though

Wild Dog: The artwork has taken a dive. The story, on the other hand, is still maintaining a nice flow. I really hate this Wild Pup kid—I hope Wild Dog slaps some sense into him

Secret Six: It's off to a good start. It looks both interesting and promising

Deadman: My absolute favorite. The art and story are wonderful! Why don't you get these guys to do a mini-series? Or a graphic novel, perhaps?

Blackhawk: Still not interesting

Nick Damon
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You know, Nick, if you just asked nicely, your comic shop would probably let you reserve ACW. Just think, this way you'd keep your free time open and you probably wouldn't even need that shotgun

You'll be happy to know that Mike Baron is currently hard at work on a Deadman graphic novel. You're

probably less impressed by the new BLACKHAWK comic, though. I did mention that one, didn't I?

Well, the ol' clock on the wall says it's time to hit the ol' trail. Join us again in just a week for more Superman, Green Lantern, Blackhawk, Nightwing, Phantom Stranger, and Black Canary. And, as if that weren't enough, a Nightwing cover by Tom Grindberg

Don't miss it—Nick Damon'll tell you how tough that can be! See you then

—Brian Augustyn

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ROCKS HARD PLACES

STOP IT!
STOP IT!

GET OFFA ME,
YA BRAT!

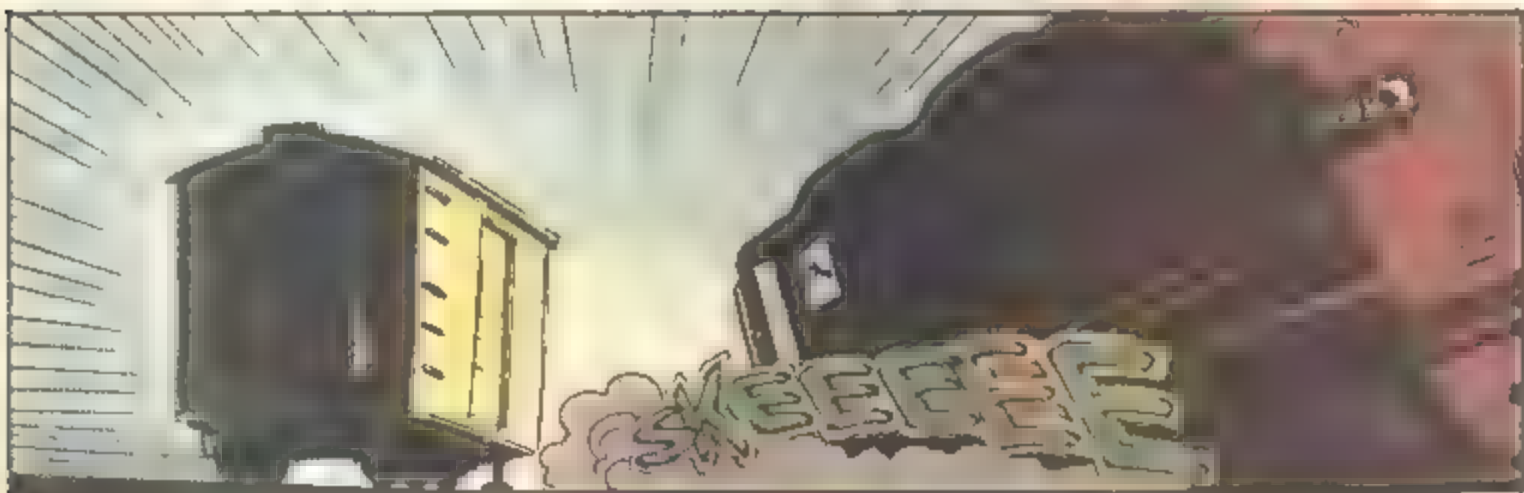
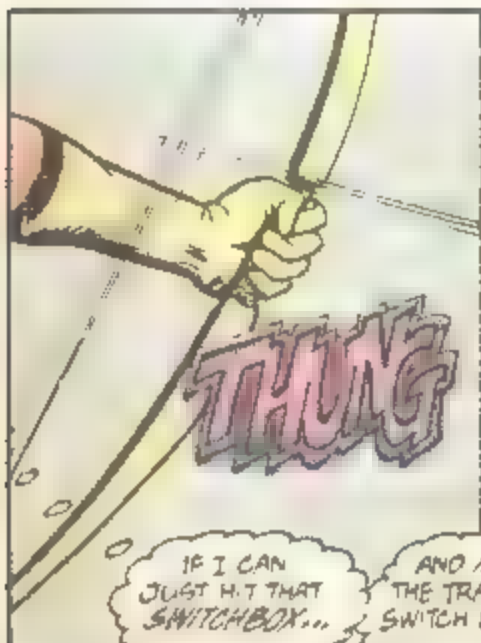
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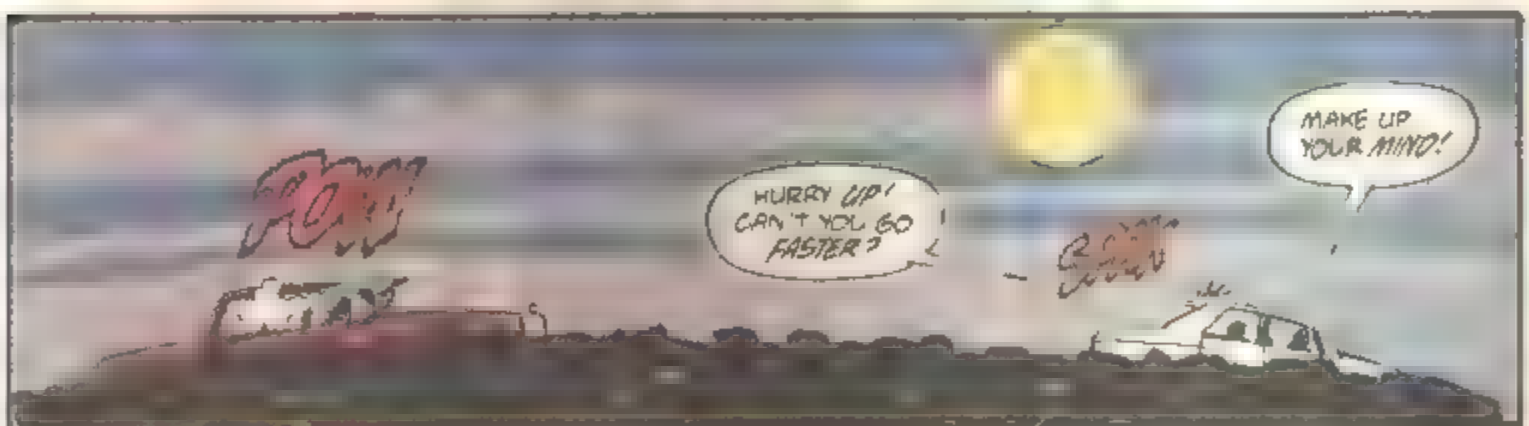
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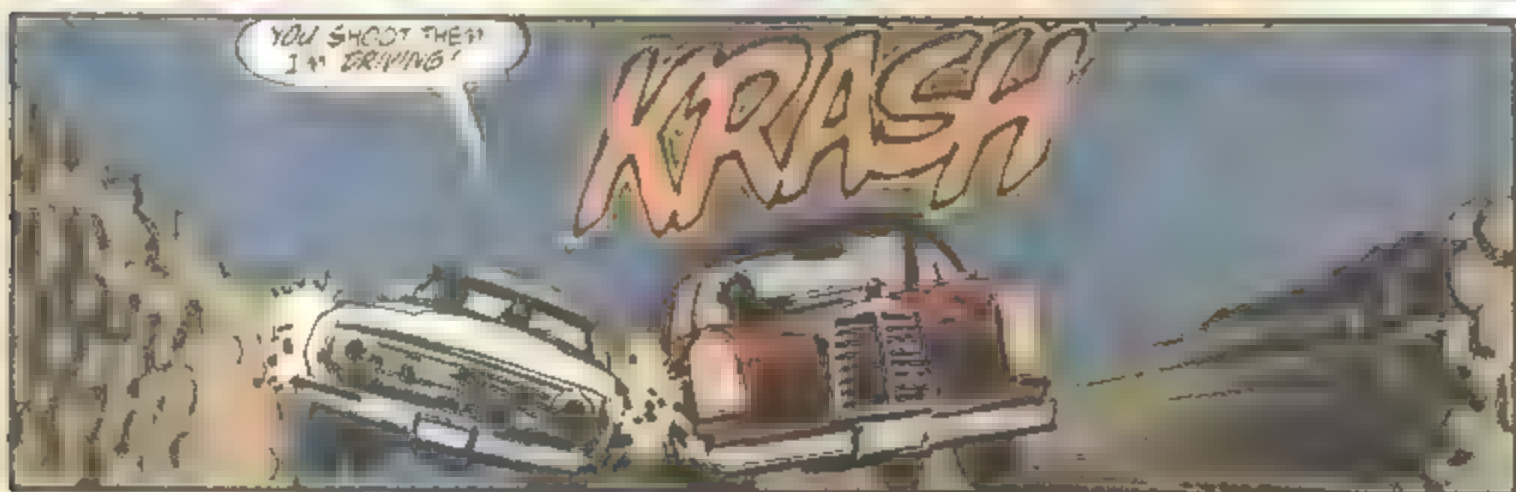
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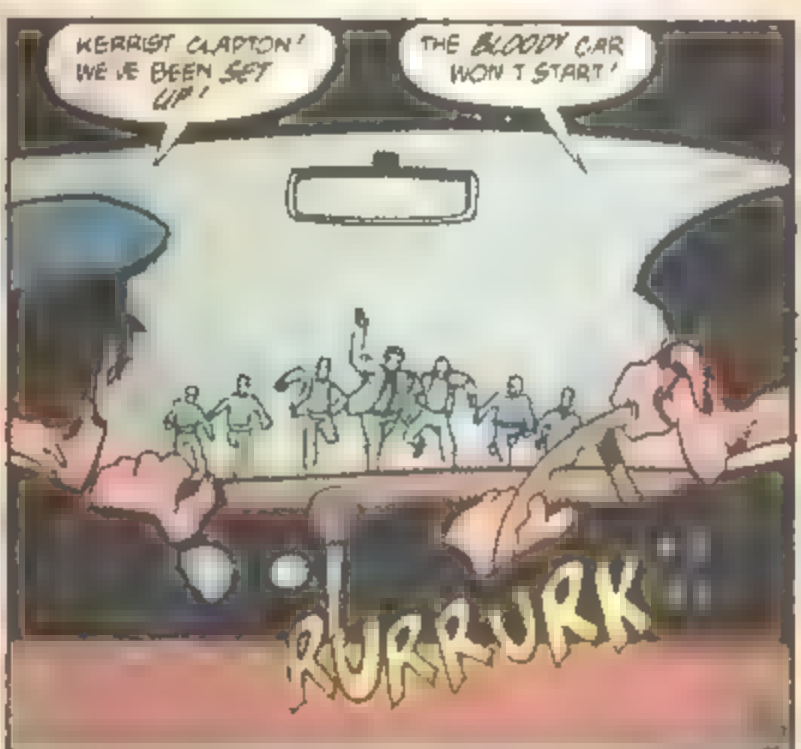














BLACKLAWK



D-LYSERGIC
ACID
DIETHYLAMIDE-45
IS HARDLY A
TRUTH SERUM.
MAJOR



THE SS DOCTORS AT
DACHAU HE SAID IT
COULD BE THE KEY
TO TOTAL MIND
CONTROL

WE THOUGHT WE WOULD GET IT
TALL WHEN THE HALL WAS
LIBERATED. IT WASN'T
IN A BOX IN THE HALL
WAS FOUND

IN A PORCELAIN FACTORY
IN 1945 THE HALL WAS
BEING PRODUCED BY THE SS
MEN WE THOUGHT WE DEAD
MEN WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN
TRIED AT NUREMBERG

"AS THOROUGH AS GENERAL
CLAY'S ADMINISTRATION OF
'DENAZIFICATION' HAS BEEN-



CAVING Y THERE'S
SOME S BATHANCE TO
THE RUMORS OF
NEO-NAZISM

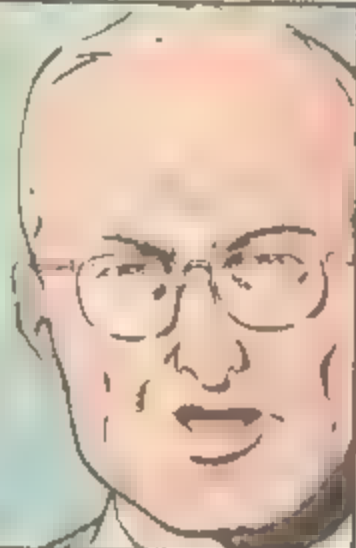
YES BUT I'M MORE
WORRIED ABOUT THE
RUSSIANS

SIR



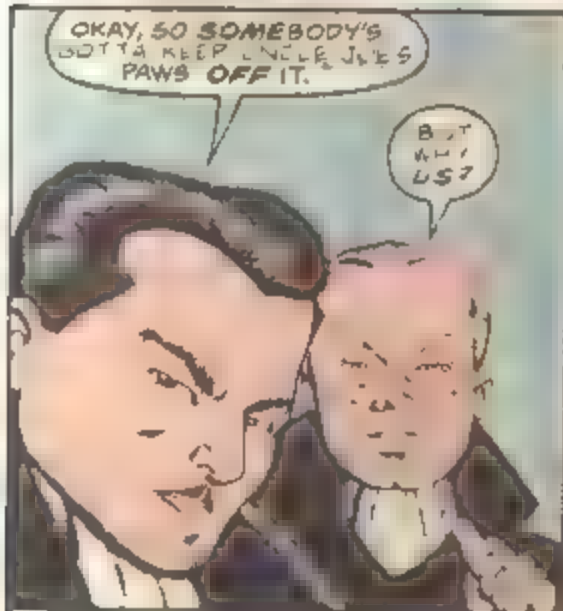
THERE'S A NEW KIND
OF WAR A MAJOR A
OVER EUROPE, BUTTER
GOLD BETWEEN
THE COMMUNISTS
AND DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLES--

—FOR CONTROL
OF LABOR UNIONS,
NEWSPAPERS,
PUBLISHING HOUSES,
PRESSURE GROUPS...
CAN YOU IMAGINE
WHAT KIND OF
PROPAGANDA
TOOL THIS DRUG
WOULD MAKE?



OKAY, SO SOMEBODY'S
GOTTA KEEP UNCLE JOE'S
PAWS OFF IT.

BUT
WHY
US?

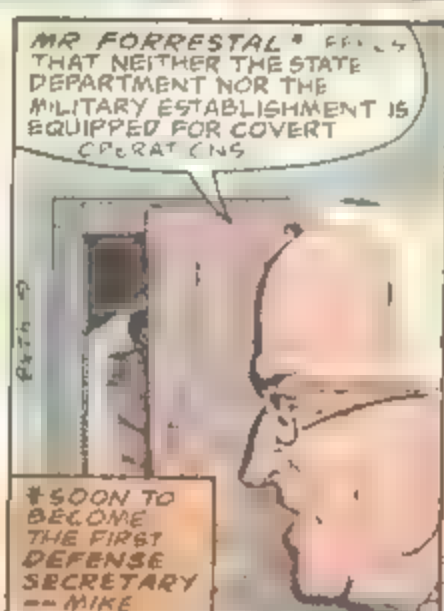


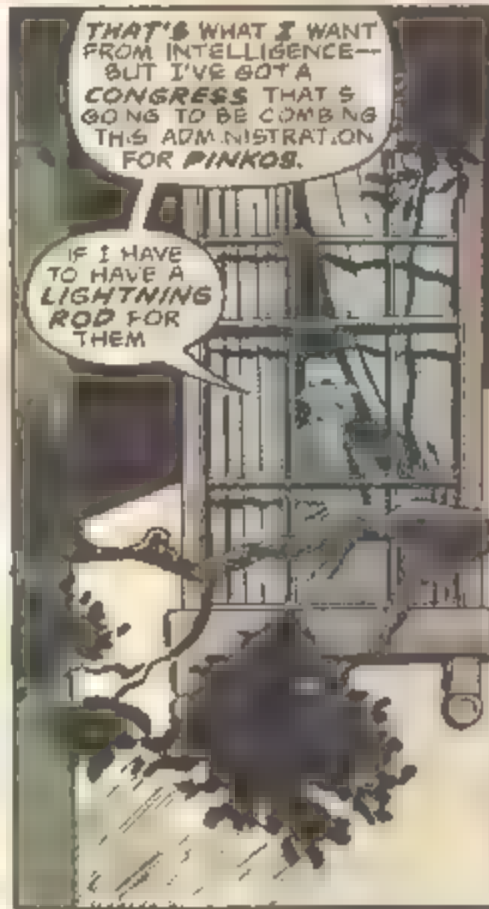
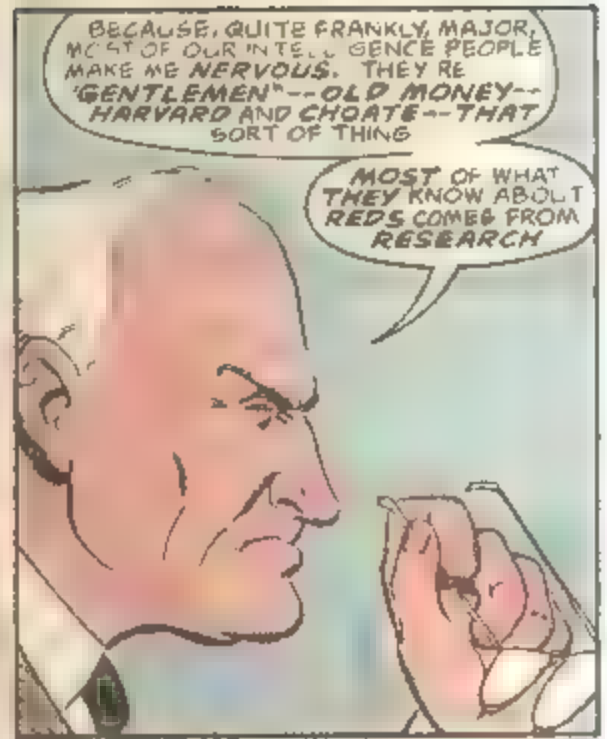
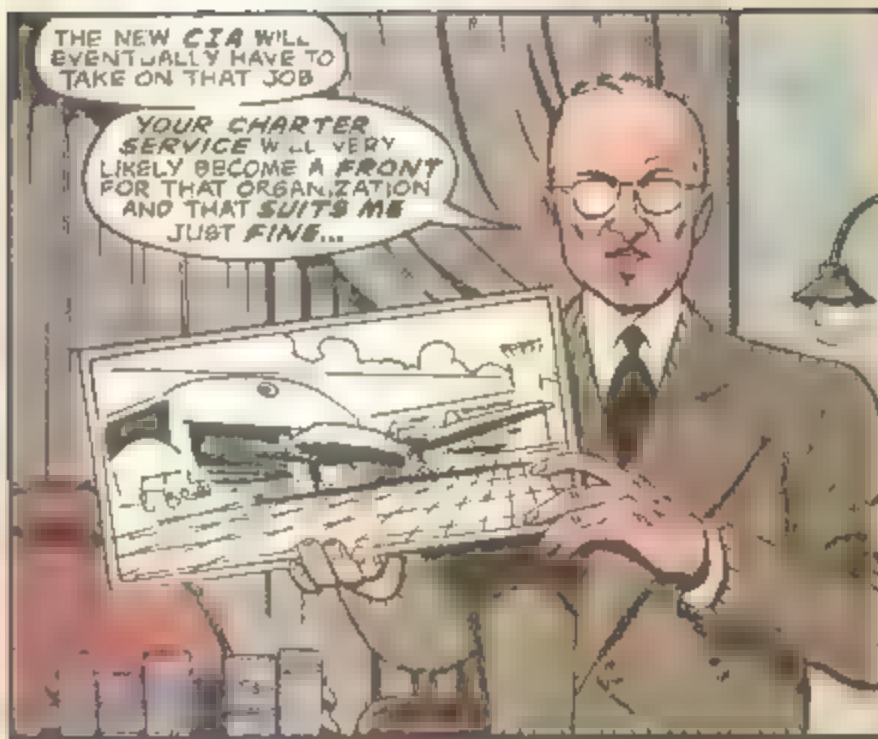
GENTLEMEN,
WOULD YOU EXCUSE
US? I'D LIKE TO TALK
TO THESE BOYS
ALONE



MR FORRESTAL * FEELS
THAT NEITHER THE STATE
DEPARTMENT NOR THE
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS
EQUIPPED FOR COVERT
OPERATIONS

* SOON TO BECOME
THE FIRST
DEFENSE
SECRETARY
-- MIKE





MEANWHILE--
IN SINGAPORE



WHADDYA
RUNNIN' FOR,
SWEETHEART?--



--WE JUST
WANNA ASK
YOU--



--SOME
QUEST--

--AAGGH!

WHUNT



I FIGURED
TH'S COMMIE
FRAL WAS GONNA
BE A TOUGH
CUSTOMER

HOLD
HER STILL--
I'LL HAVE HER
QUIET IN A
MINUTE...

KISSOFF--
THAT'S A RUSSIAN WORD, ISN'T IT?

WRITTEN BY MARTIN PASKO
DRAWN BY RICK BURCHETT
LETTERED BY STEVE HAYNIE
COLORED BY TOM ZIUKO
EDITED BY MIKE GOLD

SOME TIME LATER
-- OUTSIDE MUNICH:



"ANOTHER MESSAGE--
FROM OUR PEOPLE IN PARIS.
I WONDER HOW MANY DAYS
THIS ONE HAS BEEN IN
REACHING US."



<SUCH A WAY TO
COMMUNICATE
...PRIMITIVE--
UNRELIABLE.
RIDICULOUS.>



<TELL IT TO THE
ALLIES, DIETER. DO
YOU SUPPOSE THEY
WILL TAKE A
HOLIDAY FROM THEIR
MONITORING OF ALL
RADIO FREQUENCIES
TO ACCOMMODATE US?>

<THEY RELAY
A MESSAGE FROM
OUR CONTACTS ON
THE ISLET OF
HERM!>



<THE TYPE-XXII UNTERSEEBOOT
HAS BEEN MAINTAINED IN PERFECT
WORKING ORDER. IT WILL
AWAIT YOU.>

<WUNDERBAR.
THEN I WILL SOON
BE READY.>



<"SOON"? YOU
ARE TOO MODEST.
GRETCHEN. THE
LIKENESS IS
VIRTUALLY
FLAWLESS...>

WHILE IN CHANGI--
OUTSIDE SINGAPORE!

I FINALLY
GOT MY
ENTRANCE
VISA TODAY,
MAJOR.

I'M GETTING
TIRED OF
ASKING YOU,
MAIRZEY--
CALL ME JANOS.

ALPHAKHAWK AIRWAY

I GUESS THAT'S
EVERYTHING,
THEN.

AH, OUI, JAN... WE
CAN BE AIRBORNE
BY 0700 HOURS.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW
MUCH I APPRECIATE THIS
OPPORTUNITY, MA-- JANOS.

SKIP IT, KID.
SOMEBODY HAD
TO TAKE NAT'S
JOB. SPEAKING
OF WHICH...

CHANGI
CHRISTIAN
MISSION

NO, SIR. NO WORD.
MADAME SOON GOT
A CHECK FROM HER
FOR THE LAST MONTH'S
RENT--MAILED FROM
HONG KONG.

BUT THERE WAS
NO NOTE, AND
NO RETURN
ADDRESS.

WELL, WHAT
ARE YOU ALL
STANDING
AROUND FOR?
WE GOT WORK
TO DO!



TWO DAYS LATER:

ON YOUR
FEET,
FLYBOY--

BLACKHAWK AIRWAYS INC.



--YOU GOT A
CUSTOMER.



I SAID,
"ON YOUR
FEET!"

WHA--?
WHO--?



JAN,
THERE'S
SOMEONE
HERE
TO--

UH-OH.



WORD TO THE WISE, SIS: TELL YOUR
DRIVER NEVER TO PUT THE ARM ON
A WAR VET SUDDEN-LIKE WHEN
HE'S CAULKIN' OFF. IT GETS
RISKY.

DO
TELL.



SO, MR. PROHASKA
--I SEE YOU'VE MET
SIMON.

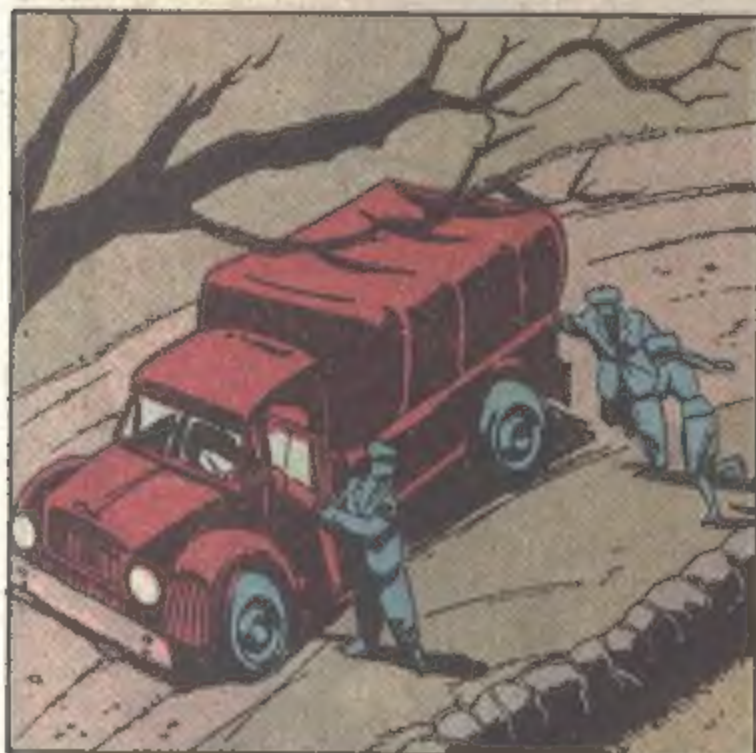
CONSTANCE
DARABONT--
DARABONT-CATHCART
PHARMACEUTICALS.
I BELIEVE WE'RE
GOING TO GERMANY
TOGETHER...?

OH, AND DON'T
WORRY ABOUT HIM
--HE'S STAYING
HERE.

Z

MEANWHILE:

«COME,
IT IS TIME.
SCHNELL!
--SCHNELL!»



«GOOD, HE'S A HANDSOME
ONE, THAT PROHASKA. PERHAPS
IF WE CAN DISPOSE OF THE
AMERICAN WOMAN SOON
ENOUGH...

«...I MIGHT HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO
TEST MY...SKILLS
UPON HIM...

«...BEFORE
WE DEPART
FOR AMERICA
...AND THE
BLACKHAWKS,
TOO, MUST
DIE.»

NEXT WEEK:
**THE HORIZONTAL
GOOSESTEP**

